

Over the next 41 years he bought out his partners at Phillips Field and Fairbanks

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JESS G. BACHNER



Aircraft Service. Changed the name to Bachner's, earned his inspection authorization, multi-engine license and seaplane rating, employed hundreds of different mechanics and worked for various air taxi operators throughout the state and most of the small villages in between.

BACHNER, JESS G. Jess was born August 27, 1919. He started his aviation career when he was 17 working as a mechanic's helper for Pollack Flying Service. In 1938 Jess went to work on Wien Airlines, becoming good friends with the Wien brothers and participating in many aircraft rescues from the bush. In the early 50's he worked for Harold Gilliam Air Service on the weather bureau project. Twice a day - at noon and midnight, 365 days a year - a plane would depart Weeks Field and climb to 19,000 feet to gather weather information.

In 1946, Jess earned his private pilot's license and on September 12, 1948, was issued his mechanic's certificate with aircraft and engine ratings. He continued in the aviation business starting his own firm, Fairbanks Aircraft Services in 1948.